

## News Release



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### ***South End Residential Solid Waste Franchise Service Begins July 1***

The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners has entered into contracts with Waste Management of Florida and Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. to provide residential solid waste collection services for the south end of Santa Rosa County beginning July 1. Citizens utilizing residential curbside collection in the south end of the county, generally in the unincorporated areas of the 32563 and 32566 zip codes, will now have a single solid waste provider assigned to their area. Waste Pro will provide services for residents in the 32563 zip code and Waste Management for residents in zip code 32566. To determine which provider will service a specific address, visit [www.santarosa.fl.gov/solidwaste](http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/solidwaste). The initial contract term will be for three years and does not include commercial solid waste service.

Both companies will provide curb side service for garbage pick-up twice per week, once a week recycling pick up in a wheeled cart, yard waste pickup every other week and bulk waste pickup on demand. Quarterly service charges will be \$51.45 with Waste Pro and \$53.40 with Waste Management. Both contracts limit annual rate increases based on increases to the Consumer Price Index, and cap rate increases to a maximum of four percent per year. In addition to the basic services, residents can also request side door collection service for the non-handicapped, additional barrels or bear resistant barrels at an additional cost.

The solid waste providers will be contacting residents in the new franchise area; however citizens can contact the service providers directly at:

Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.  
(850) 365-1900  
[www.wasteprousa.com/santarosa](http://www.wasteprousa.com/santarosa)

Waste Management of Florida  
(866) 770-4176  
[www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

The process to consolidate residential waste haulers in the south end of Santa Rosa County began almost four years ago with a three year advance notice of intent to franchise areas sent to waste haulers and the public. Based on discussions with citizens, a review of the level of services currently available, and services provided in other Florida counties, the Santa Rosa Board of County Commissioners released a Request for Proposal for Solid Waste Services in late 2010. One single residential solid waste hauler will have many benefits:

- More services for a reduced cost to our residents- economy of scale
- Added convenience as residents will no longer have to haul bulking items, yard waste and recycling
- Helps alleviate traffic from multiple haulers in subdivisions
- Prevents excess wear and tear on roads
- One service provider to be held accountable for damage or clean up
- Helps the county meet state recycling targets
- Less litter/illegal dumping

For more information, contact the Santa Rosa County Environmental Department at (850) 981-7135.

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